

The Community Leader

Redlands

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ANVILS AND EMBERS: REDLANDS BLACKSMITHS KEEP HISTORY AGLOW

Take a stroll down Smith Street in Cleveland on a Saturday morning and you'll hear the high-pitched squeals of kids at soccer training while mums and dads sip coffee on the sidelines. The tradition of weekend kids' sport is alive and well, but right next to the soccer field is Redland Museum, where a special group of volunteers is ensuring another tradition endures: blacksmithing.

The blacksmith hut at Redland Museum is a hothouse of activity every Saturday morning when the forge is fired by coals and skills are shared. It's mesmerising to watch these centuries-old techniques on show inside the 1870s-built timber hut. Inside the museum, volunteers prepare to take the day's visitors back in time, sharing their passion for local history through displays that are as authentic as they are interesting.

And today, when tech advancements arrive at lightning speed, the museum takes us back to a slower, more labour-intensive time when craftsmanship reigned supreme.

Thank you to those who gift their time to our community through volunteering at museums, art galleries, sporting clubs and mentoring. You're superstars! For more information about blacksmithing at the museum, turn to page 6. We hope you love reading this edition of The Community Leader, and if you've got good news, please share it!

Pictured: Volunteers Tanja Vlasoff and Fiona Eastwood fire up the forge at Redland Museum.

Redlands Coast Properties



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FRUITY DONATION TO RAISE SWEET FUNDS FOR REDLANDS CANCER COUNCIL

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Photos by Vanessa Cook.



Sheldon resident Vanessa Cook generously invited Cancer Council Qld Redlands Volunteer Branch to pick delicious fruit from 20 of her rosella bushes! This amazing donation of fruit will go straight to the dedicated volunteer jam makers and be sold as Rosella Jam at fundraising stalls around Redlands.

The branch is immensely grateful for Vanessa's support. All proceeds from the stall sales go directly to Cancer Council Queensland, funding research, prevention programs, and support services.

Vanessa's contribution not only provides key ingredients for the number one selling product – jams – but it also showcases the incredible community spirit in the Redlands.

Cancer Council Qld Redlands Volunteer Branch happily accepts fruit and baking donations and welcomes new cooks to the cause. Please reach out if you can contribute to the fight against cancer by contacting Branch President Tish Henderson at 0493 722 397 or by email: CCQRedlands@gmail.com.

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MEET THE UNTOUCHABLES: REDLANDS' ALL ABILITIES FOOTY TEAM

FROM REDLANDS TOUCH ASSOCIATION

The Redlands Touch Association is a hive of activity on Thursday nights, but it's the smiles, infectious laughter and camaraderie of the all-abilities team that truly brings the club to life. Between 12 and 45 members of the Untouchables meet weekly to learn entry-level drills and how to play the game as part of a six-week season. Importantly, the players feel included and accepted as a valuable part of the club's sporting community.

All-abilities coordinator and coach Mark Daly said some of the squad also play on Tuesdays in the mainstream competition with another Redlands team.

"We have a conversation with the team we are playing and ask them not to go easy on us, but please play to a level that our all-abilities team can compete with," Mark said. "Every team so far has been fantastic, and to allow us to play and compete as opposed to just practising, is a great thing for our team."

Mark said the Untouchables were all ages and abilities with an emphasis on just picking up the ball and getting involved.

"Our players range in age from eight to 53, and we've also got people who played basketball and swam for Australia at the Special Olympics," Mark said. "We just take what comes every Thursday night. When we first started we had four participants and my son, Tom, was one of them."

For the past 16 years Mark has been heavily involved in Redlands Touch as a coach, committee member and a player. The club is like a second



home to Mark, with the father of two flagging the idea of setting up an all-abilities team a few years ago.

"My son Tom has cerebral palsy (CP) and I guess the whole impetus for me wanting to get this program up and running was so he could enjoy the game as much as I do," Mark said. "Tom's CP affects him physically, but mentally he's sharp. He's also just got his P's so is driving himself to practice every week."

Mark said Tom has played touch for nearly 10 years, taking part in the under 10s to under 16s in the main competition on various nights.

"All teams are inclusive here and they treated Tom like any other player. No one has ever said, 'no you can't play with us' and when he's got the ball he's been given a decent run," Mark said.

While Tom enjoyed playing in the mainstream competition, Mark wanted to set up a team environment where no compensations were made for people with disability.

"I also know many parents have tried to get their kids into other codes but they've been turned away because no pathways exist for people with disability," Mark said. "It's heartbreaking when a parent can't get their child into their favourite sport."

Mark said he leaned into Toowoomba and Brisbane Metropolitan touch associations to get their insights and thoughts on insurance, safety and security, and how to make an all-abilities program work at Redlands. Both offered invaluable support and resources, and Mark was also supported in his learning journey by Queensland Touch and Touch Football Australia.

"I'm a big believer of that, I've got something to contribute, but if people have been there before me, why not draw experiences from that," he said.

Mark said no accessibility adjustments were required at Redlands because the club's change rooms and other amenities were already accessible. Fees have been reduced for people with disability, most of whom are on fixed incomes, and the club covers the cost of volunteers to get inclusive training.



Photos: Supplied.


Last year the team travelled to NSW to compete in the National Touch League (NTL) in Coffs Harbour.

"We trained for three months before the NTL, on Thursdays, as well as with other players from within our district on Sundays," Mark said. "Tom was captain and we had such a good time and it was just all about participation, giving it your best and seeing improvement." The team got beaten in the grand final but the players won the hearts of the crowd.

"There were 2500 people in the grandstand. They stopped all the other games so everyone could watch and they made a big tunnel on to the field for them," Mark said. "We had the Australian open men's and women's captain high fiving everybody, it was just magic."

The Redlands Touch Association all-abilities program runs for six weeks. To find out when the next season kicks off email Mark on allabilities@redlandstouch.com.au or call 07 3286 5841.

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KIM RICHARDS MP STATE MEMBER FOR REDLANDS



COMMUNITY UPDATE

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50 CENT FARES & 20% OFF REGO A BIG HIT

50 cent fares have gone down a treat across the Redlands and particularly for our Southern Moreton Bay Islands, saving locals hundreds of dollars. It's been terrific to see the uptake of locals jumping on a ferry, bus or train to get to destinations like Capalaba, Carindale, the city and even the Gold Coast for 50 cents. 20% off car registration is also rolling out, and it includes trailers and caravans and is starting to appear on renewals from August. These initiatives, on top of the energy rebates, are putting more money back into family budgets when it's needed most.



STUDENTS VISIT THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT

What a joy to host our primary school student leaders from across the Redlands at the Queensland Parliament. Thornlands State School, Bayview State School, Faith Lutheran Junior College, Victoria Point State School, St Rita's Primary School, Redland Bay State School, Scenic Shores State School, Macleay Island State School and Russell Island State School's student leaders were all represented. We had a wonderful morning with a tour of the Parliament, loads of questions and answers and then lunch on the River Deck. I know our future is in very good hands with so many wonderful young leaders in the Redlands.



PUTTING DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON PETROL PRICES

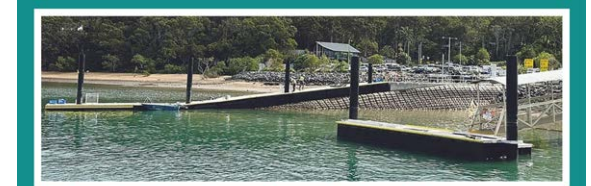
Premier Steven Miles has announced his plan to lower fuel prices for all Queenslanders. The Miles Labor Government will deliver our bold plan to establish 12 publicly owned fuel stations, to deliver greater competition, and ban all petrol stations from raising the price of fuel more than once a day. Fuel price increases will be capped to 5 cents a litre daily as part of a trial, and petrol stations will be required to release price changes a day in advance. The 12 initial sites will be determined by government, based on where competition is most needed across the state.

NEW FLOATING WALKWAY FOR BOATIES

From fishing to crabbing or just cruising the bay, boating is a huge part of our fantastic Redlands lifestyle. Our boat ramps are busy places for recreation and floating walkways on our ramps are great for making boaties lives easier and safer. Macleay Island, at the end of last year, received a new floating walkway as part of our ferry terminal upgrades, and in great news, Russell Island is set to get its first floating walkway at the Wahine Street Boat Ramp worth close to \$1 million. This builds on our investment in retaining the jetties for community boating and recreational use and enhancing boat ramps for locals.



Wahine Boat Ramp Russell Island floating walkway coming soon...



Macleay Island Boat Ramp with new floating walkway



Kim RICHARDS MP



If you're looking for something to do locally, check out The Community Leader's What's On page here and online.



BLACKSMITHING AT REDLAND MUSEUM

Saturdays, 8:30am to 12:00pm, Redland Museum, Smith Street, Cleveland

Step into the past with Redland Museum's charming blacksmith's hut, a piece of history from the 1870s that originally stood in Mt Cotton. For many years, this quaint split slab hut was home to the Holzapfel brothers, Bob and Herman. In 1972, it was carefully dismantled and brought to the Redland Museum, where it continues to delight visitors every weekend. On Saturday mornings the museum blacksmiths fire up the forges and showcase the timeless craft of blacksmithing. Watch in awe as they use traditional techniques and tools to transform glowing metal into stunning creations.



STILTS AND STICKS JUGGLING WORKSHOP

Wednesday September 18, 10:00am and 11:00am, IndigiScapes, 17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba

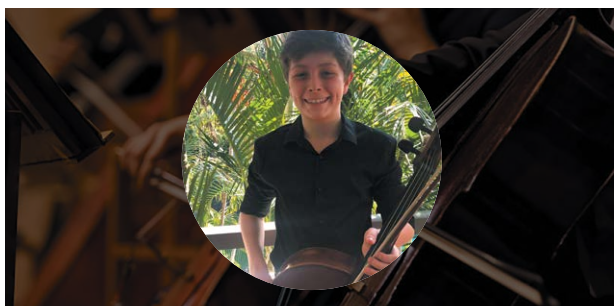
The charismatic Sparky Do Dah will visit IndigiScapes this September school holidays to run two half-hour juggling and stilt walking sessions for young people aged eight and up. Sparky is known for his ability to engage an audience and creates unique experiences with fun twists. Registrations for the sessions are essential as places are limited. Scan the QR code for more information and bookings.



SEPTEMBER JAZZ AT ORMISTON HOUSE

Sunday September 8, 2:30pm to 4:00pm, Ormiston House, 277 Wellington Street, Ormiston

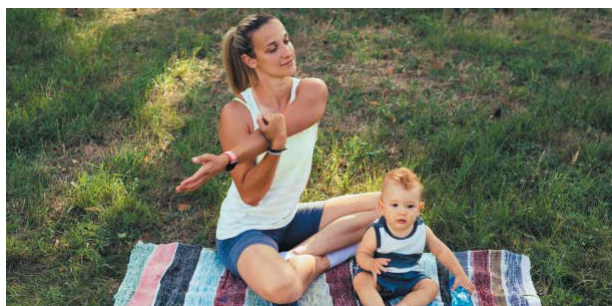
Fancy an afternoon lazing in the spring sunshine to the tunes of cool jazz? September Jazz at historic Ormiston House is just the ticket. Come along and indulge in a glass or two of wine while enjoying the sounds of the Ashleigh Denning Jazz Quartet. The group will play a wide range of jazz standards, ranging from early jazz classics to modern renditions of popular favourites. Bring a chair or picnic blanket and groove along. Tickets are priced at \$35, with free admission for children under 10. Go to www.ormistonhouseqld.com.au for more information.



CONCERT: VINTAGE BOHO

Saturday September 7, 2:00pm, Redlands Performing Arts Centre, Middle Street, Cleveland

Join the Redland Sinfonia for a sensational afternoon of music as 15-year-old cellist Patrick Phillips, a performance award-winner, takes the spotlight in *Vintage Boho*. Patrick will showcase his talent as the soloist in Dvořák's breathtaking *Cello Concerto* and *Musetta's Waltz* from Puccini's *La Bohème*. The program will also feature modern pieces inspired by bohemian culture, including the iconic *Hair* and the ever-popular *Bohemian Rhapsody*. For tickets, visit rpac.com.au or phone 3829 8131.



FAMILY YOGA CLASS

Saturday September 14, 9:30am to 10:30am, IndigiScapes, 17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba

Join Miss Dani from Wild Flow Wellbeing for a relaxing family session of Gentle Yoga, Mindfulness, and Nature Craft! The session is designed for families with children aged one to 10. Explore your senses, enjoy nature, and get creative making nature kites while learning mindfulness and yoga techniques together. It's a great way to unwind and bond with your loved ones. Book by visiting wildflowwellbeing.com.au.



VIEW REDLANDS' TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

Saturday September 21, 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start, Sharks Club, Victoria Point

VIEW's annual Trivia Night will raise funds for the Smith Family's Learning For Life program, which provides funds for primary and secondary school students' education expenses. Redlands VIEW sponsors 10 students, and the trivia night plays an important part in funding these students. The cost to enter is \$20 per person, and raffles and prizes will be up for grabs. Tickets can be purchased by calling Anna at 0416 168 351.



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Mayor's message

One of the key components in how Council serves our community is by developing and maintaining strong relationships with other levels of government, and relevant departments within those governments.

By doing so, Council advocates on our community's behalf on specific projects or actions, seeking a variety of commitments including funding, strategic partnerships, and policy or legislation amendments.

The upcoming state Election presents an excellent opportunity for Council to advocate on its top priorities directly to all candidates and political parties contesting the election.

Candidate campaigns typically revolve around what they believe voters want. Our advocacy will give them a clear idea of the priorities that the Redlands Coast community wants.

Council also will work collaboratively with the state government and successful Members of Parliament after the October election with the aim of progressing these identified projects to the benefit of the community.

This is a non-partisan commitment. Our advocacy priorities seek improved outcomes for our community, irrespective of any party or candidate's political persuasion.

Council's advocacy program constantly evolves according to the priorities of

the Redlands Coast community and Council, and also to the forum or medium in which it is being presented.

For example, the 10 priorities listed on these pages in relation to the 26 October state Election, differ significantly from the list of key advocacy issues that Council will present at this year's Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) annual conference from 21–23 October.

The LGAQ is the peak body representing local government, so this conference offers a valuable opportunity for Council to advocate to that group on behalf of the community.

In this instance, the key priorities to be tabled for debating at the meeting include: contemporising the Local Government Electoral Act 2011; reinstating Youth Week funding; and planning scheme amendments.

It is an ongoing process of strongly championing our community's needs, and successful advocacy is a very rewarding process for Council and our community.



Cr Jos Mitchell
Mayor of Redland City
 Email: mayor@redland.qld.gov.au



Top 10 advocacy priorities set for state election campaign

Redland City Council will issue a list of its top 10 priorities to all candidates and political parties contesting the 2024 Queensland state election.

On behalf of the Redlands Coast community, Council will request candidate support for much-needed infrastructure, community projects and funding to support liveability and boost the local economy and jobs.

Weinam Creek transport connectivity



Council is advocating for comprehensive funding for a multi-level park 'n' ride within the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area.

Redlands Coast islands



Council is advocating for several initiatives that will improve liveability and future-proof our island communities from social disadvantage, including seeking regional status recognition for Redlands Coast islands.

Brisbane Metro network extension



Council will push for the state to deliver a business case and detailed designs for the next stage of the busway extension to Capalaba.

Housing for vulnerable communities



Council is advocating for an increase in immediate and long-term emergency and crisis accommodation for vulnerable cohorts, in particular for Redlands Coast youth.

Toondah Harbour



With one million passengers and 200,000 vehicles using Toondah Harbour at Cleveland each year, Council is pushing for a detailed plan and funding to upgrade port infrastructure.

Increased utilisation of state-owned facilities



Council is advocating for a strategic partnership commitment from the state to address critical sporting infrastructure deficits by investing in and unlocking state-owned land and recreation facilities.

Wellington Street/Panorama Drive upgrades



Council is advocating for \$80 million in funding to concurrently deliver stages two and three of the upgrade program, to deliver the project faster and more cost-effectively.

Community residence



Council is advocating for a revision of the current provisions for "community residence" in the *Planning Regulation 2017* to consider the amenity of existing community and local planning overlays. Current state planning laws are overriding local planning.

Improved clarity for Native Title process



The aim is to remove uncertainty and provide greater clarity for all to participate in Native Title processes.

Local health services maintained in line with population growth



Pushing for a commitment that adequate health services are provided and/or maintained on Redlands Coast in line with substantial population growth.

Council's State Election Priorities 2024 now online

Read more about the top 10 priorities Council will be asking candidates and political parties to support.



Scan the QR code or visit
www.redland.qld.gov.au/ElectionPriorities.

PRIORITY No.1



Weinam Creek transport connectivity

Public transport infrastructure is a Queensland Government responsibility and Council believes improved connectivity between the mainland and Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBI) will have multiple benefits.



Why is this critical?

Connectivity supports access to important services such as health, education, and employment, that in turns leads to improved social and economic outcomes for island residents.

The SMBIs currently rank in the bottom four per cent of most disadvantaged communities across Australia. They represent a growing region of Redlands Coast. According to Australian Bureau of Statistics figures, 174 new houses were built per year in the period 2016-2022 on the SMBIs.

Council is advocating for comprehensive funding from the state for a multi-level park 'n' ride within the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area.

In terms of economic outcomes, transport connectivity will stimulate tourism to the islands.

Community benefits

- transport upgrade
- parking to meet current and future demand
- a safer and easier commute for residents and visitors
- improved access to health, employment and education
- improved social and economic outcomes, helping break the cycle of disadvantage
- tourism potential
- supported population growth (as forecast by the Queensland Government).

PRIORITY No.2



Redlands Coast islands

Council believes a strategic partnership approach is required to address several challenges that face the communities who live on Redlands Coast islands.



Why is this critical?

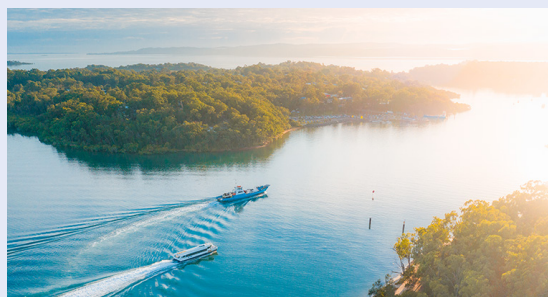
Despite facing regional social challenges – such as high unemployment, low education, and concerning health and aged care outcomes – the islands do not have regional status recognition when it comes to state and federal planning and funding.

Regional status would allow access to further funding that is better aligned with regional challenges and allow for significant planning and infrastructure upgrades.

Council would like to see an interagency working group for the islands coordinated by the Queensland Government; an implementation plan and adequate funding to support delivery of the Gumpi Master Plan on North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah); and introducing Translink smart ticketing for North Stradbroke and Coochiemudlo islands.

Community benefits

- regional status allows access to further funding, better aligned with regional challenges
- regional funding would allow significant planning and infrastructure upgrades
- the Gumpi Master Plan implementation is needed to detail funding and delivery responsibility
- an interagency working group would see pooled resources, information sharing and prioritisation from different levels of government.



PRIORITY No.3



Brisbane Metro network extension

In collaboration with Brisbane City Council, Council will push for the state to deliver a business case and detailed designs for the next stage of the Brisbane Metro (busway).



Why is this critical?

The extension of the busway to Capalaba will help reduce congestion along Old Cleveland Road, improve connectivity within greater Brisbane, and provide increased access to fast, efficient and zero-emission public transport.

It will also provide legacy benefits for the area, before and after the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as economic, liveability and tourism benefits.

Council will continue to advocate for clarity around the future bus interchange facilities at Capalaba, including ongoing need for future busway tunnel protection provisions and the impact this provision will have on plans for the Capalaba Revitalisation Project.

Community benefits

- improved access to public transport
- better connectivity between Redlands Coast and greater Brisbane
- supported population growth
- eased congestion, quicker commutes
- economic, tourism and employment opportunities
- improved liveability
- improved environmental outcomes via alleviated congestion and emissions.



Maggie's Mates



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Name: Hi, I'm Jax and I am three years old. All of my brothers and sisters from my litter were named after characters from the TV series *Sons of Anarchy*. Cool, hey!

Where do you live? I have lived in a few places in the Redlands, including Birkdale and Alexandra Hills, but these days I reside in Thornlands with my forever family.

How long have you lived there? For two years in our current home.

What's your favourite activity? Well, it was chasing cockroaches, but Mum went and had the house sprayed and now all my friends have abandoned me! So nowadays I spend my time doing lots and lots of sleeping and checking out what the neighbours are up to by stalking them through Mum's front hedges.

What is your most treasured toy? Any cockroach I can find to chase of course! Mum hates them, so she always rewards me when I catch one (but I am NOT allowed to chase lizards... Mum said so!).

Your favourite food? I will eat anything... well, except my old sister Ayla's food – she does not like that at all and will let me know, in no uncertain terms.

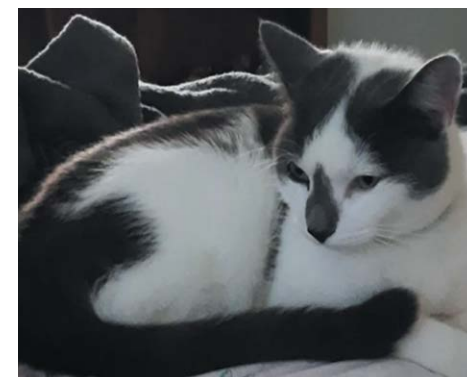
What's your worst habit? Oh, I know this one, as Mum tells me all the time – it is 'making noise'. Apparently, I am unable to perform any activity without adding a noise to it. A chirp, a meow, a purr, or a sigh! But as I tell Mum constantly – I am just talking and often telling her all about my day and my adventures. She loves to listen to my stories.

What is your favourite place? I would have to say anywhere that I can be sleeping, but most especially, being curled up in the crook of Mum's legs while she sleeps. We sleep like that every night, and I just love it. It makes me feel so loved and safe.

Your best friend? Mum (and I guess my older sister Ayla, too).

Do you have any funny or embarrassing stories to tell? I have so many! I love to have a good laugh. Once I managed to get myself caught on the roof (I managed to get up but was too scared to get down) and meowed for two whole days straight until someone found me. That was fun! I also once found myself stuck behind the refrigerator unable to back out (I was chasing a cockroach of course), but Mum saved me (she always does).

What do people love most about you? My cheekiness and the way I constantly talk and make noise. I always get some people talking back. Oh, I am super cute, too.



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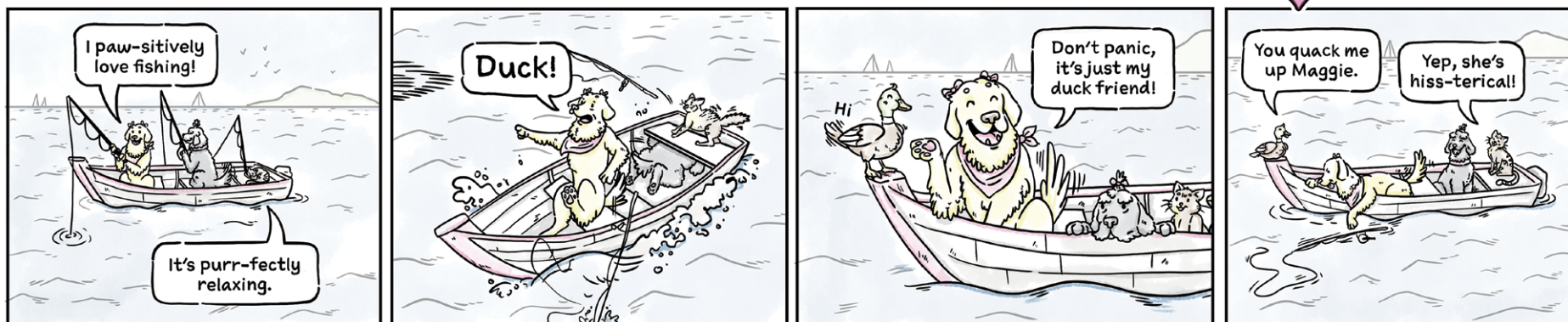


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ALL ABOUT HYPOTHYROIDISM IN DOGS

BY DR NICKY THOMAS, WYNNUM MANLY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

WHAT IS HYPOTHYROIDISM?

Hypothyroidism is a hormonal deficiency in which there is a reduction in the production of thyroid hormone by the thyroid glands. The condition may be congenital but is more commonly seen in middle aged to old dogs. A number of breeds have been recognised as being more likely to develop hypothyroidism – Doberman Pinschers, Tibetan Terriers and Boxers were more commonly affected according to a retrospective study of cases in the UK.

CLINICAL SIGNS

The clinical signs of hypothyroidism include:

- Animals may be easily fatigued and sleep more
- Dull attitude
- Seeking warmth
- Slow heart rate
- Weight gain without diet change
- Coat may become sparse, dry and lose shine; clipped fur may not regrow

- The skin may become hyperpigmented (darker)
- Animals may be prone to skin infections and show slow wound healing

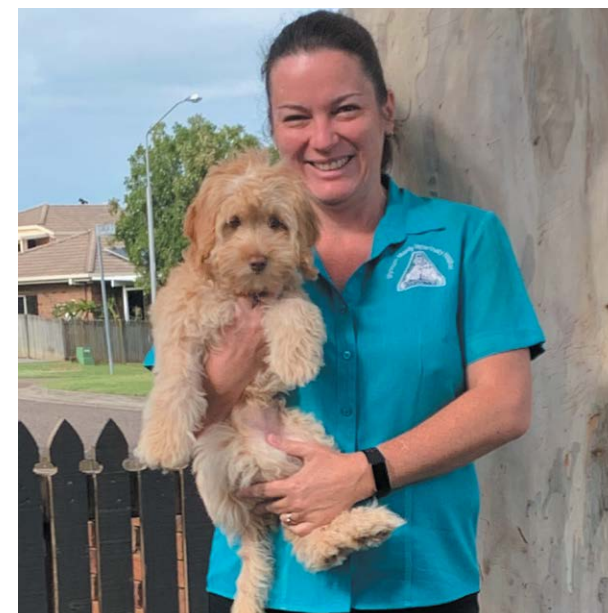
DIAGNOSIS

Diagnosis of hypothyroidism is based on clinical signs and blood tests. Your vet may perform any or all of a T4 level, free T4 or TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) test. Affected dogs often have an increased circulating cholesterol level.

TREATMENT

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IT'S BRIGHT, AND IT'S NEW — IT'S THE REDLANDS REVUE!

BY JAN NARY

When Baden-Powell founded the Scouting movement in 1907, he wanted it to develop citizenship, character and fitness. As well as outdoor survival, first aid and knot-tying, Baden-Powell – himself an actor – believed that playacting was a way of instilling self-confidence and culture in young people. The Scouts' Gang Show has embodied that ideal and since 1978 the Redlands Scouts and Guides have presented the biennial musical variety show Redlands Revue.

Jo Turnbull, who joined the Maryborough Guides at the age of seven, has been involved in the Redlands Revue for 25 seasons; this is her sixth year as Production Director. As Production Director she directs the show and co-ordinates the Production Team, which includes singing, dancing, wardrobe, props and backstage crew.

Jo says that the cast and crew are a mix of ages and experience, some studying dance, voice and drama and others who have never stepped on stage. "It's wonderful to see the ones who haven't done anything who come in for one show, stay around and find that they can do things," she says.

In her prior experience with the Gang Show, Jo performed for six years and worked backstage for four, and despite having been a "hooper" (dancer) as a child, she's positive about her current preferences.

"On stage is definitely NOT my thing now!" she laughs. "I'm happy to work behind the scenes and as an adult I find that it's more fun to see the kids do stuff and watch them develop over the years. My sons have both been involved in the Redlands Revue and the youngest is part of the Production Team as is my daughter, who's been on stage since she was nine."

The 2024 show is titled Making Memories and includes some of the hits from previous productions, and some new pieces penned for their thirty-fifth year. The lights will go up on September 25, 26 and 27 – and Baden-Powell would be delighted.

For more information go to <https://redlandsrevue.wixsite.com/redlandsrevue>.



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LEGENDARY VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCER TIM ABRA RETIRES FROM BAY FM

Volunteer radio announcer Tim Abra may have recently hung up his headphones after 31 years on air, but has yet to retire from his big-rig trucking career. Tim (“The Tricky Truckie”) has been a familiar voice on local community broadcaster Bay FM 100.3 since 1993, sharing his love of country music with listeners in various time slots.

Tim felt privileged to present the first program to be heard on the station, originally broadcast from an old house in Middle Street, Cleveland, where the police station now stands. His passion for radio was well and truly ignited, and so began a juggling act for Tim, who had to fit both his radio and driving commitments into his busy life.

“I can recall many times when I’d roll up in the Mack truck to Bay FM after driving all day and jump out of the cab with minutes to spare before I went to air,” Tim said with a smile. At that time, he was presenting the midnight to dawn country music program.

Back in the early days, there was only one studio, which was very cramped due to bulky equipment occupying the space. Tim was using records, tapes, CDs and cassettes, which were bundled into a large suitcase that he took with him on the road. After his shift, it was a mad three-minute scramble to pack up and clear the studio for the next announcer.

Despite only having basic resources then, the station was a welcome voice in the Redlands. It has gone from strength to strength over the years, due to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

With the establishment of Bay FM’s upgraded premises in Thornlands, announcers found life much easier, with new technology on board, and the luxury of two spacious studios.

“It was an honour for me to broadcast the very first Baybreeze Country Show from there ... no more ghostly noises, no more electrical blackouts, no more driving up to Mount Cotton, flicking the switch on the generator after a storm.

“I’ve made some wonderful friends over the past 31 years, and enjoyed every minute at Bay FM. I’ve won some valued awards, including Most Improved Presenter way back in 1997, and a Golden Microphone for 30 years of service. I also have many precious memories.”

With a bit of extra time on his hands now, Tim is looking forward to taking some vehicles from his historic truck collection to more shows. Keep an eye out for him, and make sure you say hello to this local legend.



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FROM THE REDLANDS ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

For over half a century, the Redlands Orchid Society Inc. has brought together orchid enthusiasts of all levels. With a legacy spanning more than 50 years, this society continues to thrive, thanks to the dedication of its members, including one of its original founding members who remains active to this day.

The society's diverse and engaging activities offer something for everyone interested in orchids. Throughout the year, members can look forward to two charity shows, two festive Christmas parties, and 12 Orchid Morning Teas – events that are as educational as they are enjoyable. Monthly meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month, kick off with a beginner's class, making it easy for newcomers to get involved and start their journey into the fascinating world of orchids. The society also maintains an active presence on Facebook, and you can connect with them at redlandsorchidsociety.org/.

This year, the Redlands Orchid Society is excited to invite the community to its much-anticipated Charity Orchid Show on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Held at the Birkdale Sports Club in Judy Holt Park, this event promises a great day out for seasoned orchid growers and curious newcomers.

Attendees can explore a stunning array of orchids on display, each one a testament to the artistry and patience of its grower. Orchid plants will be available for sale, along with a selection of potting accessories. For those looking to hone their green thumb, potting demonstrations will be held throughout the day, offering valuable tips and tricks from experienced growers.

One of the event highlights will be the opportunity to engage with knowledgeable orchid growers who will be on hand to answer any questions you might have, whether you're looking to start your



own collection or seeking advice on caring for your existing plants.

In addition to the floral displays and expert advice, the event will feature refreshments, raffle prizes, and various items for sale by the Redland Hospital Auxiliary, with all proceeds going to support their important work.



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FROM REDLANDS COAST PROPERTIES

What started as the brainchild of local real estate agent Louise Denisenko from Redlands Coast Properties in 2021, the charity dinner and auction *There's No Place Like Home* has become an important annual fundraiser in the fight against homelessness.

The inaugural charity dinner was held at the Cleveland Courthouse restaurant with 120 attendees, most of whom were from the real estate community, raising funds for locals experiencing homelessness via Redland Community Centre in Capalaba. Louise has been supported by fellow industry ladies including Bianca Stubbs, Tanya Flood Campbell (First National Cleveland) Julie O'Callaghan (@Realty) and Leanne Borjarski (Re/Max) who help coordinate the event.

The second event was held in 2022 at the Redlands Sporting Club Wellington Point, where, again, it was a huge success with more businesses attending. The third dinner and auction was held in 2023 at the Alexandra Hills Hotel (also the venue for this year's event) and raised over \$42,000.

This year, funds raised will be channelled to Homeless United. This much-needed service assists people in getting back into housing, getting their lives back on track, and entering the workforce run by Redland Community Centre.



With housing being in such short supply and the homelessness crisis increasing with the cost-of-living pressures and rental prices skyrocketing, we all need to be aware of this issue and support it where possible.

All of the businesses and sponsors of this event are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to another great evening of great food, drinks, and entertainment with auction and raffle prizes donated to raise money for this great cause. Please support or attend if you can.

There's No Place Like Home will be held on Saturday, September 14, from 6.30pm for a 7:00pm start at the Alexandra Hills Hotel. For tickets, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1258325>



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SEALINK'S DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY FOR LINKING THE BAY ISLANDS

Locals of the Moreton Bay Islands have celebrated the 60th anniversary (traditionally the diamond anniversary) of what is now SeaLink, the ferry service that connects the islands and the mainland with a fleet of vehicle and passenger ferries.

The history of the Moreton Bay Islands is a fascinating meld of unbroken Indigenous occupation, white settlement, business development, sand mining, ecology and culturally-based tourism – and keeping them all connected are the ferries. The first vehicle ferry, Stradbroke Ferries' *MV Myora* (the name of the local mission) came into service in 1964.

Stradbroke Ferries was the brainchild of Frank Dobias, who came to Australia at the age of 23 in 1948. He had escaped from a Russian prison, where he was incarcerated while fleeing from his native Czechoslovakia to Germany. By the time he was 38 he was established on Minjerrabah (North Stradbroke Island), and by 1961 he was running the Dunwich service station (which he built), the buses that connected the Island's three townships and the first island taxi.

Developing transportation with the Tazi sand mining company led to Frank's co-founding Stradbroke Ferries – which was then purchased by Transit Systems in 2011 and nine years ago became SeaLink, naming some of the vessels in its fleet in the local Jandai language.

Frank Dobias Jnr., the founder's son, remembers a childhood of beaches, trucks, a hard-working father and a horse named Swagman. "I was a babe in trucks," he recalls.

"Kids on the mainland would be impressed by the size of Mack trucks but to me they were just like our family car. When dad went to work at night I'd go off my nut if he didn't take me – and I'd be asleep on the seat by the time we got to the end of the street.

"I was nine when the *Myora* first landed at Dunwich, the whole town was there to meet it. I wouldn't change that childhood for the world."

At a celebratory exhibition in the Island's museum, Heather Truman, who retired in April last year after a 22-year career with SeaLink, initially as Marketing Manager and for the last six years as General Manager, paid tribute to those who had contributed to the Island's history and growth and to the vital role that SeaLink had played.

"It has now been 60 years since the vehicle ferry *Myora* made her first voyage from Redland Bay to Dunwich carrying 12 cars and eighteen passengers. There have been many challenges over the past six decades – including the impact of COVID – however Stradbroke Ferries, now SeaLink, has been a lifeline for the Minjerrabah and southern Moreton Bay Island communities, businesses and visitors," she said.

The exhibition brought together a rich collection of memorabilia – and anecdotes. Heather recounted a story about one of the SeaLink fleet, the *Moongalba* (sitting place), that could indicate how keen SeaLink ferries are to be on the job.

"When the *Moongalba* was built at Index Shipyard at Lytton the crew



Dunwich ferry terminal. Photo courtesy of Queensland Places.

arrived there the morning that she was due to be launched – only to find that she had launched herself the night before and was sitting on the opposite bank!"

In recognition of the current General Manager, Ben Renwick, Heather foresees a bright future for SeaLink.

"So, what will the next 40 years bring? I have no doubt that SeaLink is committed to continuing the long-standing relationship with the communities. I can only hope that in 40 years' time that someone is standing here showcasing the one-hundred-year history and outstanding achievements of this exceptional company."

LOCAL GARDENING WITH KAT: STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES!



BY KAT PEARSON, *GIRL IN THE GREEN*

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet". Unless it's an unscented rose. I have never really understood the point of them. Sure, they're pretty, but they're thorny! The only thing that makes up for rose thorns (and the black spot, sparseness and general painfulness of a rose shrub, especially here in subtropical humid Brisbane) is the SCENT. Nothing beats it. Rose-scented geraniums don't even come close. But a good smelly old-fashioned rose is heaven scent (see what I did there!).

Roses have a long history and are thought to have been originally domesticated in China (thousands of years BCE). Rosewater and rose oil were used both medicinally and as perfume (to mask the stench of life – you know, the no deodorant or plumbing thing), and Cleopatra used roses in her skincare and as an aphrodisiac to lure her lovers. Nothing much has changed, and roses are still used in herbal medicines, food, cosmetics and perfumes.

There are lots of rose species and hybrids, and some are better at some things than others –

the old hybrid *Rosa x damascena* makes great perfume, *Rosa rugosa* reputedly has the best tasting hips and petals (although all roses are edible) and hybrid tea roses arguably make the best cut flowers.

I love having roses in my garden, and while they're pretty hardy, it can be a bit of a challenge to keep them looking lush. Your best bet is to choose a rose that suits your requirements. I choose ones that a) have a great smell and b) are bred for good black spot resistance, as that seems to be my main challenge! But there are still a few tricks to keeping them in tip-top condition.

Firstly, give them space. Humidity is a killer for lots of plants, and while it won't kill your rose, it can sure leave it a diseased mess. Both pruning dense foliage out of the middle of each bush and not letting them be overgrown by other plants are crucial.

Secondly, keep them well fed and give them a good drink every so often. I'm on sandy soil and



Photo by Kat Pearson.

feed mine with organic pellets once a month, followed by a deep soak. If you're on clay you can probably ease off a little but don't ignore them! And finally, they love the sun. It helps keep their foliage dry and encourages good strong growth.

As a side note, if you're near the Redlands area, I recommend you check out www.littleislandorganics.com.au. Rod sells Rocky Point products (which I personally love) and delivers locally for free! Let them do the heavy lifting and leave you to the fun stuff. Use the code GITG to get \$1 off each product!

ABOUT KAT

I love gardening, and growing my own food and plants in general. I've been working on our current garden in subtropical



Brisbane for the last five years but have been gardening for much longer in all sorts of places. I'm an ex-engineer, recently turned horticulturist (life's too short not to work in something you love!). I grow edibles and ornamentals in an often wild, rambling jungle, filled with birds and bugs, including a handful of pet chooks and a dog (though to be honest you're more likely to find him inside on the couch). Find out more at www.girlinthegreen.com.au.

IT'S A DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER SPEED DATING

Dating is a social ritual that's undergone a lot of changes. Back in the day, it usually started as a social meeting through mutual friends, progressed through an invitation to a dance or the movies, undergoing parental scrutiny, maybe enhanced by a box of chocolates...but technology, increasing sexual equality, and the occasional pandemic have contributed to shifting potentially romantic encounters into cyberspace. Swipe left/swipe right on various dating apps is becoming increasingly common, which has spurred a Redlands woman, Krystal Anderson, and her friend and workmate Cheryl, into giving locals a more personal option with Redlands Singles Speed Dating.

Krystal is definitely a people person rather than an apps user and feels that many of us are missing out on the benefits of live, personal interactions.

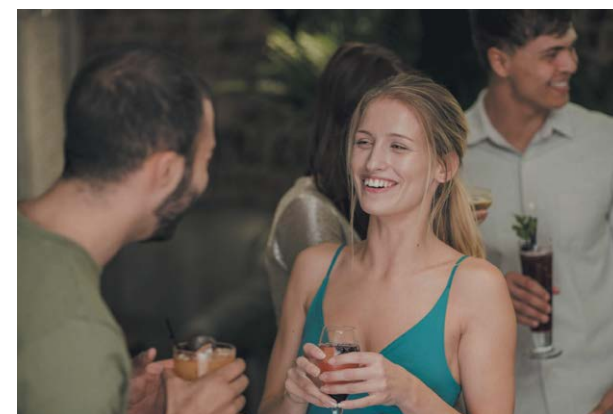
"It's really hard to convey who you are and what you're like through an app or a text; making assessments of someone through a description or a photograph can be judgemental and inauthentic," she says. "Lack of opportunities for getting out and having face-to-face interactions is ruining dating; that's why we're starting our speed dating evenings."

Despite the fact that everyone at a speed dating night is there for the same reason, Krystal says people can feel nervous about it.

"We have a group of people there to walk around the room and chat with anyone who looks a bit unsure or awkward," she says. "In the eating area, we encourage people to move around from table to table, and we have activities that develop into a sort of trivial pursuit game created by the participants. It always gets people talking and laughing – it's a stress-free way to find people that you feel you'll connect with. Even if the evening doesn't kindle a romance, it's a wonderful way to make friends and develop those social connections that we all need."

Speed dating means sitting across the table with one person, making first contact and chatting for six to eight minutes, then moving on to repeat the process with someone else. Depending on numbers, participants could have up to 30 contacts, and if there are mutual likings a couple may decide to re-contact through carefully-structured protocols.

Krystal, who works in the mental health industry, says that the group has stringent protective regulations about appropriate behaviour.



"Bullying, gossiping, abuse, not respecting peoples' boundaries – we have strict rules, and if anyone breaks them, they're out!"

Another benefit of the not-for-profit evening is the warm glow that comes from doing good for someone else; \$5 from each ticket sale will go to Lifeline's Out of the Shadows Suicide Prevention project.

Birkdale Sports Club will open the doors for Speed Dating on September 7 at 5:30pm, with dinner at 6:00pm and at 7:00pm, the real fun begins. For information contact manifestingdaily@outlook.com.



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"I was beaten up on a regular basis at school; it wasn't very nice. Fortunately, I came from a loving family, and I had music as my salvation – songs on the Bakelite radio, the jukebox, my mother's record collection and the songs she sang. Even my father and brother playing the tuba and piano accordion – they weren't very cool instruments but they were music!"

Joe left school at the age of 13, and worked in the motor industry, a slaughterhouse and the Melbourne Markets. But he'd acquired a bass guitar. The die was cast.

Joe had never envisaged becoming a musician – much less the singer/songwriter frontman of an internationally renowned band, with a career spanning more than 50 years and gaining global popularity – but if you're a muso, you're a muso, and there's no escaping it.

Small gigs with small bands became bigger gigs with bigger bands, including Jo Jo Zep and the Falcons and culminating in the best-known of all, the Black Sorrows. The name was a serendipitous accident; a friend of Joe's who owned a coffee shop asked him to put a band together to play Sunday gigs there. They were to be billed as the Black Zorros, to give them a dash of continental flair, but the sign's calligraphy made the Z look like an S – and the rest is history.

Joe and the Sorrows are a dream collaboration, with Joe's strength in songwriting and singing. His instinctive ability to put his finger right on the pulse of human experiences and emotions and craft them into lyrics that appeal to intuition as well as intellect continues to hold his loyal following and draw in new adherents. The Black Sorrows have had several iterations in their forty years, a core group who come and go as other demands allow plus other specialist musicians drawn in as needed for particular songs or recordings.

"For the song *Dear Children* we had a four-piece tuba section," Joe chuckles. "Tubas still aren't cool, but they were perfect for that song."

The great news for fans is that the latest CDs are about to roll off the press, and selected tracks will be featured at the upcoming RPAC concert on September 26. For tickets, go to rpac.com.au.



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Work begins on innovative luxury clubhouse and sports precinct at Ingenia

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Ingenia Communities, with the support of its first residents, has broken ground on a multimillion-dollar luxury clubhouse and sports precinct at its over-50s community, Sanctuary Victoria Point.

The Bushland Retreat is the very first of its kind for Ingenia's Sanctuary community and was celebrated in a sod-turning ceremony by residents, Ingenia representatives, State Member for Redlands, Kim Richards MP and Redland City Councillor Lance Hewlett.

Ingenia Executive General Manager Residential Justin Blumfield said the Bushland Retreat will provide an avenue for residents to maintain their physical health, create long-lasting connections with like-minded neighbours and forge a strong sense of community.

"When the idea for the clubhouse and sports precinct came about, we wanted to ensure residents were given the opportunity to vote for their favourite name and this process was received positively by the community," Mr Blumfield said.

"This inclusive approach has allowed residents to have a personal stake in the development, fostering a sense of pride and ownership amongst the community.

"We know how much our residents value connecting with one another, the Bushland Retreat will provide an avenue for residents to maintain their physical health, create long lasting connections with like-minded neighbours and forge a strong sense of community," Mr Blumfield said.

"Much like its namesake, the Bushland Retreat has been designed to integrate seamlessly with the natural bushland corridor that defines Sanctuary Victoria Point."

Sanctuary Victoria Point residents Narelle and Wayne McKinnon said the community couldn't wait for the facility to be complete.



"We are all very eager to get in there and make the most of what the Bushland Retreat has to offer. Everyone has been buzzing around and talking about how wonderful it is that the works are so close to starting, and now that the first sod has been turned, we'll all be waiting for the official opening," Mrs McKinnon said.

"My husband can't wait to use the extra community space and is eager to use the swimming pool, gym and golf simulator."

Upon completion, the Bushland Retreat will feature an array of amenities, including a sports pavilion, bowling green, gym and yoga room, resort pool, cinema, arts and craft studio, library, lounge, and much more.



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Why Investing in the Redlands is a Smart Choice

FROM MACWELL PROPERTY

When considering property investment, location is key, and the Redlands area stands out as a top choice. Here's why investing in this vibrant region could be a move worth making, without delving into financial specifics.

Capital Growth Potential

The Redlands is renowned for its steady capital growth. This region has shown a consistent upward trend in property values, thanks to ongoing development, infrastructure improvements, and its appeal as a desirable place to live. Investors can benefit from this growth as the area continues to attract interest from homebuyers and renters alike.

Exceptional Lifestyle

One of the biggest draws of the Redlands is its lifestyle offerings. With its beautiful natural surroundings, including picturesque bays, lush parks, and tranquil suburban streets, the Redlands provides an enviable quality of life. Residents enjoy easy access to stunning outdoor spaces, recreational facilities, and a welcoming community atmosphere.

Attracting Quality Tenants

Properties in the Redlands are highly sought after, attracting quality tenants who appreciate the area's lifestyle benefits. Families, professionals, and retirees are drawn to the region for its excellent schools, convenient amenities, and proximity to both urban and coastal areas. This demand helps ensure a steady stream of reliable tenants for investors.

Strong Return on Investment

The Redlands area not only offers a great lifestyle and strong capital growth potential but also provides a solid return on investment. With its attractive rental yields and high demand for rental properties, investing here can be financially rewarding. The combination of steady rental income and increasing property values makes the Redlands a smart investment choice.

The Beauty of the Redlands

The Redlands is a gem of a region, with its stunning natural beauty, vibrant community, and a host of amenities. From the tranquil waters of Moreton Bay to the rolling green



spaces and local markets, the area embodies a blend of charm and convenience that makes it a desirable place to call home.

The Redlands offers a compelling mix of capital growth potential, lifestyle benefits, quality tenants, and strong returns. As always, it's advisable to consult a financial adviser to tailor your investment strategy to your personal goals.



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Getting better value from your bins

FROM REDLAND CITY COUNCIL

Everyone living on Redlands Coast has access to a kerbside wheelie bin collection service provided by Redland City Council.

However, the needs of households and budgets can change so it might be time to check you have the right bins for your home and are getting the best value for your money.

To support households to reduce waste, to recycle well and to maintain a cost-effective recycling service, Council offers a flexible 'bin menu' where residents can save money and reduce waste to landfill by getting the right bin set for their home.

The kerbside bin system includes separate 140-litre wheelie bins for waste and recycling, 240-litre wheelie bins each for waste, recycling and garden organics (mainland residents) and 340-litre wheelie bins for recycling.

Some options to get a better bin bundle:

- **Get a green bin at no extra cost (mainland residents**

only) – Offset the cost of a new household green waste bin by downsizing to a 140-litre red-lid general waste bin when you order. The benefits include: no establishment fee, fortnightly kerbside collections and valuable garden waste is kept out of landfill. In fact, you're saving more than \$19 a year.

- **Get extra recycling space** – Upsize your recycling bin from a 240-litre to a 340-litre bin for a one-off \$30 establishment fee (to cover the bin, delivery and administration costs) and no additional ongoing costs to your rates. That's an extra 2600 litres of recycling space each year. Plus, if you get a green waste bin and downsize your general waste bin, there is no establishment fee to upsize your recycling bin when you place the order at the same time.
- **Save money and be rewarded for not generating waste** – If you are reducing your waste to landfill and not filling your standard 240-litre general waste bin each week, why not downsize to a 140-litre waste bin and save up to \$91 a year on your rates.



By getting the right bins for your household, you can save money, get better value and contribute to a more sustainable future for Redlands Coast.

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STRING OF LOVE FROM BRITAIN TO REDLANDS COAST

CONTRIBUTED BY REDLAND HOSPITAL

A generous donation from a local family in memory of their husband and father will benefit other local families as they navigate their loved one's palliative care journey.

Donna Butler and her family generously donated four recliners and two regency chairs, iPads and books for grieving children called *The Invisible String* by author Patrice Karst.

Donna recently recounted her family's journey with remarkable strength, bravery, and practicality. "I spent many hours in a recliner next to Joe; he was 52 when he died from cancer in June 2020," she said.

She described how the palliative care teams' kindness and professionalism deeply touched Joe, who was British.

"Joe was so grateful that the palliative care team took him in and cared for him in such a welcoming way," Donna said. "Their support was invaluable,

especially in the middle of COVID when his friends and family couldn't be here.

"It was one of his final wishes to acknowledge the care he received from the palliative care team," she said.

Within months of Joe's diagnosis in 2019, Donna relocated her family from overseas, settled her children into a new school, and established a new home in Birkdale to ensure they were close to her Australian family for support.

Knowing that her children would soon lose their father, Donna's priority was to create stability and normalcy for her children.

"My kids were 12 and 14 at the time. We wanted to ensure that when Joe passed, nothing else in their life changed; that they still went to the same school, and their home environment remained the same," Donna explained.

Despite the heartache of Joe's illness and the challenges of the pandemic, Donna found solace in focusing on a way to give back and after Joe's passing, reached out to his friends and family to raise money for the hospital in his memory.

Donna said the donation helped the entire family find a way forward.

"Almost from the day he was diagnosed, his friends and family couldn't see him, they couldn't be here. They couldn't come to his funeral.

"It is ok to grieve, to break, but raising this money allowed us to take the focus off ourselves a little and making this donation gave us focus for our heartbreak and a way of thanking everyone."

Donna's message to other families facing similar situations is clear.

"The books donated talk about how people who love each other are always connected by an



Donna Butler with the reclining chair she donated for other families supporting loved ones through palliative care. Photo: Supplied.

invisible string, a very special string made of love. Say everything you need to say. Even if you think they know, it's important to verbalise your feelings."

Redland Hospital Giving Day is will be held again this year on Thursday 5 September 2024 and donations can be made via The Redland Hospital Fund.

NATURALLY WONDERFUL ... WITH RANGER STACEY

BY RANGER STACEY THOMSON, PRINCIPAL ADVISER – COMMUNITY EDUCATION (REDLAND CITY COUNCIL)

What are the nocturnal native sounds that stir you from your slumber? Possums dancing on rooftops, flying foxes feasting in treetops, or the repetitive frog calls that signal the arrival of rain.

At this time of year, there's another distinctive sound creeping into the night-time symphony of nature...the deep, loud, guttural bellow of koalas! Yes, it's breeding season and sexually mature male koalas are calling for interested females.



The south-east Queensland season begins in late winter and extends into the warm steamy nights of summer. The strong desire to pass on genes to the next generation means a lot more movement and activity across the landscape as our most famous marsupials search for "the one".

Redland City Council's koala conservation team, in collaboration with University of the Sunshine Coast and Detection Dogs for Conservation, continues to research and monitor koala populations across the region. The aim is to gain a greater understanding of biology, behaviour, movement, health, threats and population dynamics.

Ambassador koalas such as Dakota, Bell, Bubbles, Calypso, Fluffnut and Cayden are tracked regularly and given preventative health checks. Local community members are encouraged to become citizen scientists and contribute to koala conservation by reporting sightings via the Redland City Council website.

With the 2024 breeding season underway, there's a quiet optimism among the research team that Kokomo, who calls Geoff Skinner Wetlands home, may be expecting. Her joey Bandit from last season has dispersed, with observations indicating that Kokomo may have "joey belly". Only time will tell if her fluffy pouch grows and a furry little face peeks out in the next few months.



Photo: Supplied.

Breeding season is an exciting time, not just for koalas but for those of us who love this iconic but endangered species. We can all help to make life safer for koalas as they move about in search of a mate. Drive carefully, secure pets especially at night, provide fence and pool escapes and, for koalas that need help, call Redlands 24-hour Wildlife Rescue Service on 3833 4031.

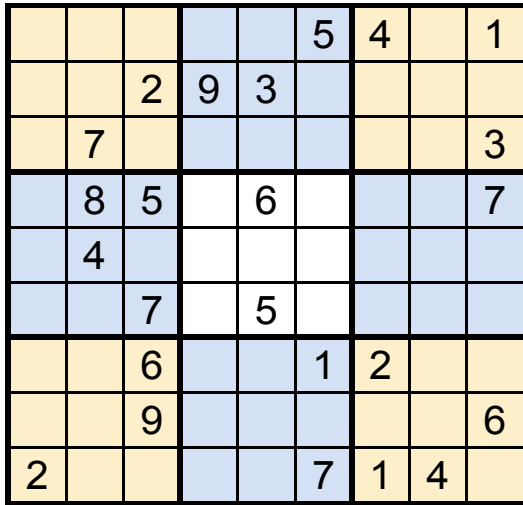
And remember, if you hear deep rumbling grunts in the dead of night, don't worry, it's probably just a koala looking for love.

Until next time ... Stay Wild!

Ranger Stacey

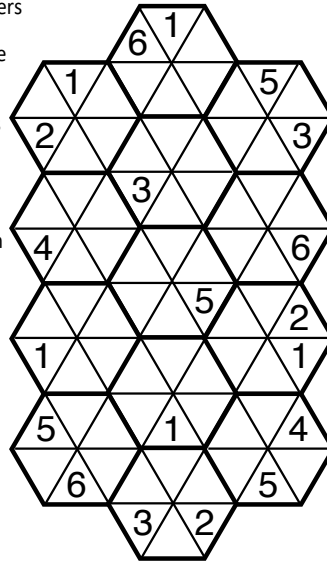
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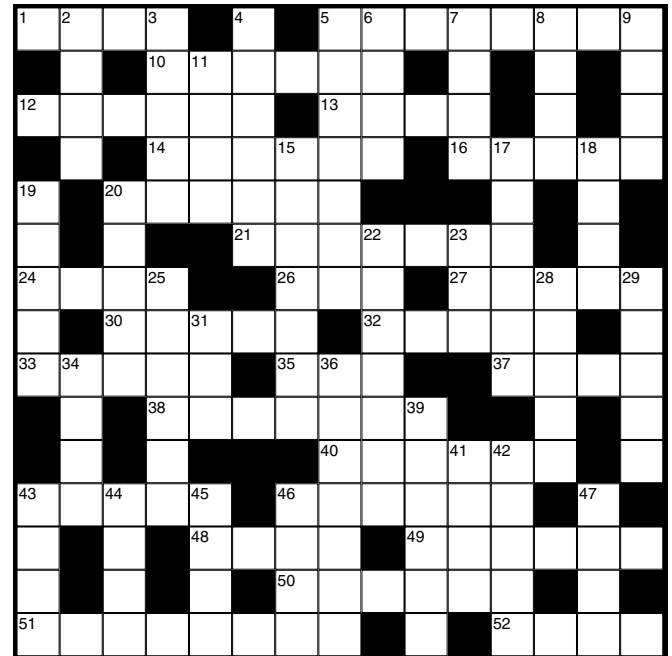


Quick Workout

Fit the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 into the hexagons so that where the hexagons touch, the numbers will be the same. No number is repeated in any hexagon.



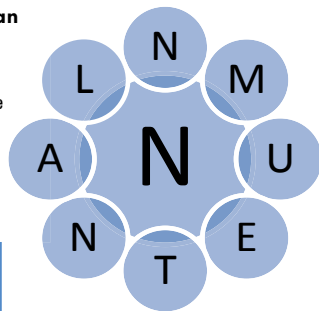
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- * Each word must be four letters or more
- * Find at least one nine letter word
- * No swear words
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- * No proper nouns and no hyphenated words



TODAY'S FOCUS
 Good: 11 words
 Very good: 19 words
 Excellent: 33 words

Reference: Macquarie Concise Dictionary
 Focus No. 3885

ACROSS

- 1 Deep sleep
- 5 Turning
- 10 Made rough scraping sound
- 12 Do the rounds
- 13 Decorative plant
- 14 Draws forth
- 16 Tendency
- 20 Annoy
- 21 Foes
- 24 Break suddenly
- 26 Beverage
- 27 Corroded
- 30 Unclouded
- 32 Ignominy
- 33 Vapour
- 35 Donkey
- 37 Duelling sword
- 38 Forming a nucleus
- 40 Things to be done

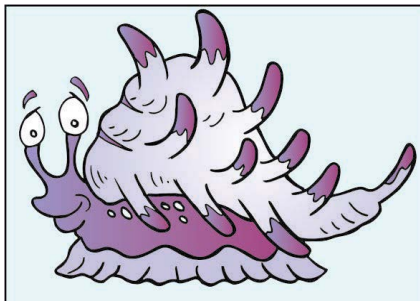
DOWN

- 2 Spoken
- 3 Concur
- 4 Acknowledge rank
- 5 Arbitrator
- 6 Lyric poems
- 7 Family member
- 8 Not working
- 9 Pleased
- 11 Fishing poles
- 15 Dominant
- 17 Begin again

18 That following

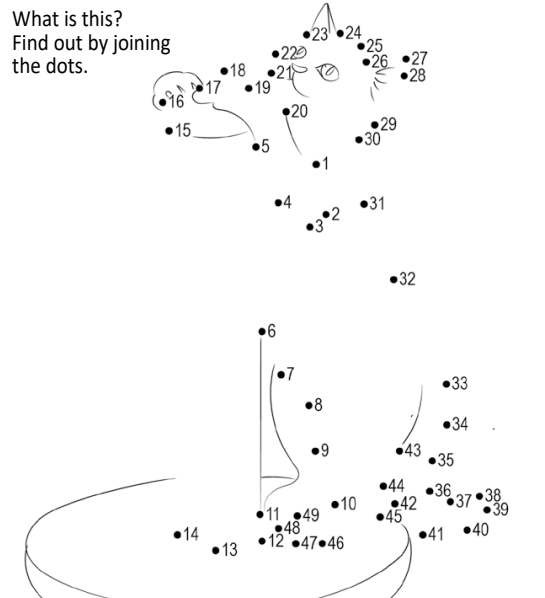
- 19 Meditates
- 20 Tranquillity
- 22 Knead
- 23 Period of time
- 25 Heavenly body
- 28 Dark brown
- 29 Surrender
- 31 Flightless bird
- 34 Faithful
- 36 Watertight coatings
- 39 Amend
- 41 Roman emperor
- 42 Male honey bee
- 43 Hairless
- 44 Asian country
- 45 Unharmed
- 46 Coagulated blood
- 47 Deep mud

Spot the 5 Differences



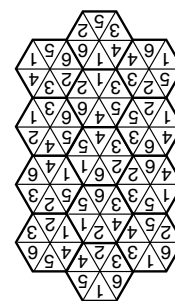
Join the Dots

What is this?
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Solutions

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extra fold on belly, missing spot, missing line on shell.

SPOT THE 5 DIFFERENCES: Spike moved, tail mark changed.

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SIMPLY TASTY TOMATO, CHEESE AND BASIL TART RECIPE

How good are tomatoes right now? Whether you're using heirlooms, Romas, or cherry tomatoes, this deliciously easy tart is perfect for a lazy spring brunch or lunch, and the leftovers make ideal picnic food.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 or 2 sheets of frozen puff pastry, slightly thawed
- 4-5 medium-sized ripe tomatoes, sliced to about 1cm thick
- ½ a small red onion, chopped
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, roughly chopped
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- Fresh basil leaves to garnish
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 egg, beaten (save this for step 7)

METHOD

1. Preheat your oven to 200°C.
2. Put the slightly thawed puff pastry on a tray lined with baking paper. Using a sharp knife, score a 2cm border around the edge of the puff pastry, being careful not to cut all the way through. This will give your tart a raised edge.
3. Place the sliced tomatoes on paper towels and sprinkle with salt. Let them sit for about 10 minutes to draw out any excess moisture. Pat them dry with additional paper towels.
4. In a medium bowl, mix together the ricotta cheese, minced garlic, and 1/2 cup of the shredded mozzarella cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
5. Spread the ricotta mixture evenly within the scored border of the puff pastry. Arrange the tomato slices over the ricotta mixture in a single layer, slightly overlapping them. Scatter the onion and chopped basil over the top of the tomatoes.
6. Drizzle the olive oil and balsamic vinegar over the top. Sprinkle the remaining shredded mozzarella and the grated Parmesan cheese evenly over the tart.
7. Brush the beaten egg along the edges of the puff pastry to give it a golden, glossy finish when baked.
8. Bake in the preheated oven for about 30 minutes, or until the puff pastry is golden and puffed, and the cheeses are melted and bubbly.
9. Garnish with fresh basil leaves and your tart is ready to serve!



REDLANDS TAKES TOP PLACE AT 2024 RIVER CITY PRINT INTERCLUB COMP

FROM REDLANDS CAMERA CLUB

The River City Interclub Print Competition is an annual photographic print competition for Queensland camera clubs. The competition celebrates the art of photographic print making and promotes interest in the print medium within the community of Queensland camera clubs.

Each year, the running of the competition is hosted by rotation of Queensland clubs, and this year the River City Print Competition was hosted by Redlands Camera Club, based at Wellington Point.

Clubs throughout Queensland were invited to submit 20 prints each, comprising four prints in each of the five topic sections. Twelve clubs from south-eastern and regional Queensland participated in this year's competition, with a total of 240 prints submitted for judging.

Camera Club members from across southeast Queensland gathered at the Redlands Camera Club headquarters to watch the live judging. Members of Mackay Camera Group joined in via a live video link.

Each of the images was reviewed and scored by a panel of three

highly experienced photographers and media professionals: The Community Leader's Damien Lugg, commercial advertising photographer Eric Victor, and commercial photographer, speaker and educator William Long.

The combined judges' scores for each print were used to determine the individual place getters in each section, with individual scores included in the aggregate points score for each club.

Placings in the interclub competition were determined by aggregating the individual scores for all 20 prints making up each club's entry.

With an impressive total score, the Redlands Camera Club showcased a range of photographic skills and diverse approaches that set them apart from the competition, taking them to the top place and winning the competition.

Congratulations to the Redlands Camera Club on their well-deserved victory, and may this achievement serve as motivation for aspiring photographers to pursue their passion and creativity.



Photos: Supplied.

LOCAL FISHING WITH SPERO

WHALES FIRST, FISHING SECOND: HAVING A WHALE OF A TIME ON THE BAY!

BY SPERO KARTANOS

The whales are back in the bay! I know this is a fishing report, but you really can't beat seeing these majestic mammals in our backyard. I've seen mums and their babies feeding in front of my eyes and some small pods only minutes out from the Bay Islands – it's too special for words.



The whales started showing up in August, but in September, you'll spot them all over the bay. They will be around Peel Island just out from Cleveland, off Wellington Point, Green and St Helena Islands, and all the way to the Sand Hills.

Be careful to keep your distance from the whales. There are big fines for not doing the right thing, so it is best just to stop the boat and let them swim past or let them get close to look at you. The family (and especially the kids) will absolutely love it. I have seen them so many times, and still, if I see them when I'm out on the bay, fishing takes second place or gets forgotten completely. Take the opportunity to get out and see them so close to home.

As for September fishing, we are back fishing for snapper as the season has re-opened, and the whiting and school mackerel will be on the chew...but I have to say, whale watching comes first this month!



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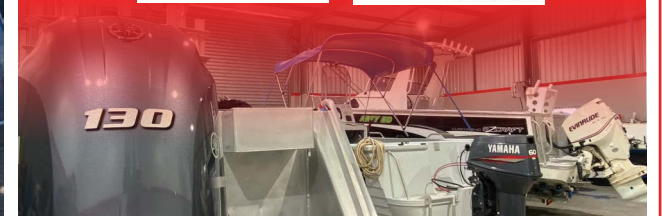
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BOATING SAFETY: VMR RABY BAY'S NEW RADIO REPEATER

CONTRIBUTED BY REBECCA MITCHELL

VMR Raby Bay proudly announces the installation of a new VHF radio repeater positioned to provide WHF radio coverage over the challenging South Passage Bar and offshore areas. This initiative is a testament to the commitment to safeguarding seafarers navigating these waters.

Since the installation a few months ago, VHF repeater Channel 83 (the working channel available for ship-to-ship and ship-to-shore calls) has been covering both channels of South Passage Bar into Moreton Bay, as far south as Victoria Point and offshore of Point Lookout – further than 20 nautical miles. An AIS repeater has also been installed.

Made possible through generous funding from the Port of Brisbane, this state-of-the-art radio repeater serves as a beacon of collaboration between maritime stakeholders. The Port of Brisbane's dedication to maritime safety reflects its role in fostering a secure and thriving marine environment.

Furthermore, with support from Redland City Council in allocating an ideal location and power supply, this repeater extends the reach of communication networks, providing a lifeline for vessels traversing the intricate waterways. By bridging previous coverage gaps and facilitating swift response, the new radio repeater amplifies the effectiveness of rescue operations and ensures a prompt exchange of critical information. VMR Victoria Point is also thanked for the AIS unit, which extends coverage offshore and into Southern Moreton Bay past Victoria Point. Planning for a webcam of South Passage Bar is now underway.

As VMR Raby Bay embraces this milestone, it reaffirms its dedication to serving the maritime community. Boaties are encouraged to log on with their preferred Marine Rescue organization before and after crossing the bar. Logging on is free. VMR Raby Bay radio room operates 5:00am to 8:00pm every day of the year, monitoring VHF channels 73, 77, 81, 82, 83, 67,16 and 27 MHz channels 88 and 90. A free QR code login from your mobile phone is also available.

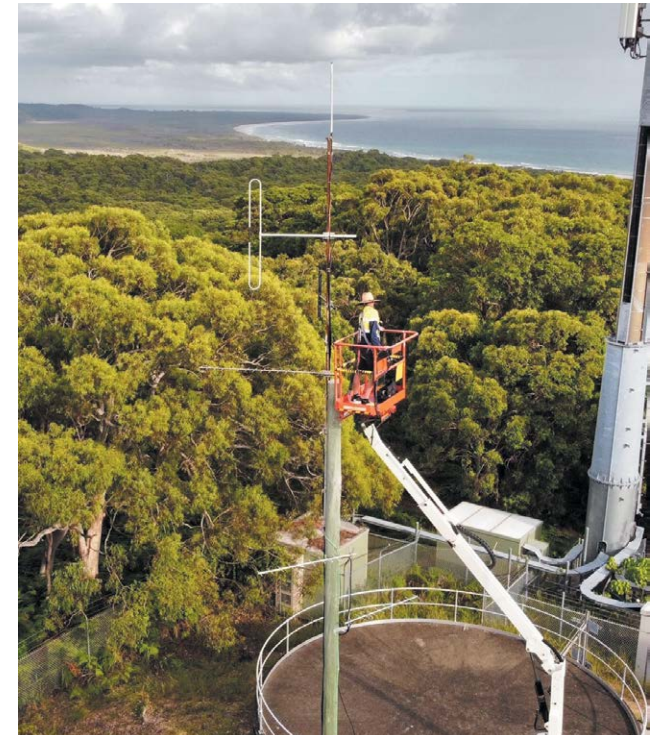


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Volatility is normal

BY LAURENCE SMITH, FINANCIAL ADVISER, UEM WEALTH

Let's talk about the stock market. Most Australians own shares – either directly by owning shares in a publicly traded company, or indirectly such as investments through your superannuation fund.

It's a big subject, but let's talk in more depth about the kinds of share ownership that seems to have gotten the most attention over the last month. That is, shares that are owned by investors through superannuation. Owning a share doesn't entitle investors to the desks, monitors, and keyboards of a business, but it does entitle investors to a share of the profits of that business. Simplified, the value of a share is more or less determined by a combination of the assets owned by a business and its expected future profitability. The price you pay is determined by what investors believe about these factors.

The first thing to remember (especially when there is volatility) is that each trade has a seller and a buyer. Even when share prices are dropping, the fact that trades are being completed means that there is someone buying what is being sold. Almost everything that is bought and sold in the stock exchange is second-hand – shares that were held by someone that are being sold to someone else. Most share trades (sells and buys) are completed electronically between anonymous parties. That is, it is rare for a buyer and seller to eyeball one another and haggle over the settlement price.

Also, there is no difference between the second-hand goods of one seller over another. If someone wants to buy Westpac shares, there is no difference to them between buying Westpac shares from me or any

other prospective seller in the market. Everything is, therefore, sold sort of like an auction. Because of the size of the market, the number of buyers and sellers, and the number of times that shares are bought and sold in a given day, technology now plays a large part in the running of the market. A central computer system matches anyone looking to sell shares with anyone looking to buy shares without the two parties needing to meet and haggle out the price for individual trades.

That central computer system also creates a data-rich environment that is observable in real-time. When a news story reports that "the S&P 500 index fell in trading today", what it actually means is that the combined prices of the 500 largest publicly listed companies in the USA were less at the end of the trading day than at the start of the trading day. It doesn't necessarily mean that an unseen gremlin in the back of the computer stopped pedalling for the afternoon, or that a nefarious individual stole money and raced away to the Bahamas.

Share market declines can happen for a number of reasons. They can also happen often. Looking back over the last 96 years to 1928, on average, the S&P 500 suffered corrections up to 10% approximately 10 times per year (Source: Ned Davis Research Inc, S & P Dow Jones Indices). Similar fluctuations happen in the Australian stock market as well and can be triggered by a number of causes. For example, stock markets can exhibit momentum, both positive and negative. Simply put, when prices are declining, they tend to keep on declining

(until they don't) and vice versa. Observing volatility doesn't necessarily mean that action is warranted, though.

It's important to note the impact of market concentration we are currently experiencing. This is where a high concentration of a small number of large-value stocks in the market can have small movements, either negatively or positively, and have a bigger influence on the volatility in the market.

Investing is a long-term adventure that goes over several hills. If you're unsure of what action is best suited to your current goals and circumstances, one of the best resources available is a trained financial planner. That way, your decisions are strategic, and your actions are calm, deliberate, and focused on the long-term benefits that investing will deliver.



Laurence Smith, Financial Adviser at UEM Wealth, part of the UEM Group

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When it comes to selling and buying houses, the industry uses methods that are at least 2,500 years old. For example, a public auction. Why are agents still using a system where auctioneers once arrived in chariots? Today the auction method is no different, except they arrive in a Lamborghini or some flash sports car.

An auction method is where agents strip everyone of privacy (in the name of 'transparency') so that all bidders see how much other bidders offer (just consider the stupidity of that, for a moment). And then the agent yells at people with a hammer in their hand. When it gets near the end bidding, the agent will approach the sellers and buyers, and exert tremendous pressure on them. Most sellers cave in under the pressure, and the agent gets paid for under-selling the home.

Another archaic method of selling a home, is a public open house which just seems like part of the deal. Most sellers are convinced by the agent that it is a necessity. Agents claim that an open house will invite competition and save you time by only opening your home once a week. But most of these public open house theories are in fact perpetuated by real estate agents.

The main reason agents conduct public open houses is to meet other potential home sellers who stop by to check out the competition. Therefore, your home is used to help agents get more listings. It also appears on the surface that they are doing something to sell your home.

Another method pushed by agents is 'seller paid advertising'. How an agent can still honestly charge a seller upfront for advertising their home with no guarantee of it selling is mind blowing. If the home does not sell, the agent retains the upfront advertising fees (and the buyer enquiries) which the seller has paid them - usually thousands of dollars. It's ludicrous!

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